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In re Application of Moolman, et al.

Application No.: 10/586,894

PCT No.: PCT/IB2005/000192

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Attorney's Docket No.: ADADA4.001APC For: STABILIZATION OF ENZYMES

DECISION

This is a decision in response to the "PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF INVENTOR" filed on 05 September 2007. The petition fee of \$400 has been paid.

BACKGROUND

On 27 January 2005, applicants filed international application PCT/IB2005/000192, which claimed priority of an earlier South African application filed 28 January 2004. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 01 September 2005. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 28 July 2006.

On 21 July 2006, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, inter alia, a declaration and the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c). This application was assigned U.S. serial number 10/586,894.

DISCUSSION

MPEP 1893.01(e) states, in part:

Where there has been no change of inventorship but the name of an inventor indicated in the international application during the international phase has changed such that the inventor's name is different from the corresponding name indicated in an oath or declaration submitted under 37 CFR 1.497, for example, on account of marriage, then a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 will be required to accept the oath or declaration with the changed name.

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A review of the application file reveals that the applicant/inventor known as Avashnee Shamparkesh Sewlall in the international application has since married and changed her name to Avashnee Shamparkesh Chetty. Applicant has provided a proper petition under 37 CFR 1.182, along with the \$400 petition fee, and an affidavit showing that the applicant's name has been changed.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the applicant Avashnee Shamparkesh Sewlall's name to Avashnee Shamparkesh Chetty as to the National Stage in the United States of America is hereby **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to national stage processing for preparation of the "NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495" (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) and the according of a 35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (1), (2) and (4) date of 21 July 2006.

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